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Applicant: Otero et al.

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Examiner: Verdier, Christopher M.

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Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR REDUCING OPERATING
STRESS IN A TURBINE BLADE AND THE LIKE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the office action of 10 August 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows: